GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG MARKETING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to develop drug marketing system to ensure easy availability of good quality and life saving drugs is under consideration by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time and manner in which the said system is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): In the draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy,2006,proposals viz, streamlining of bulk procurement of drugs by the Government,Schemes for providing accessibility to the poor(BPL families),Pharmaceutical distribution (retailing) etc,have been made.This Policy was submitted before the Cabinet for its approval.The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11-1-2007.It was decided that the matter may,in the first instance,be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM).GOM has since been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. GOM has held three meetings so far on 10-4-2007,12-9-2007 and 30-1-2008.GOM is yet to make its recommendations to the Cabinet.